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SUBJECT: U.S. CONTRIBUTION FOR STRASBOURG CONFERENCE ON PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY

1. COUNCIL OF EUROPE SECRETARIAT HAS INQUIRED AGAIN REGARDING STATUS OF U.S. PAYMENT OF ITS ASSESSED SHARE OF CONFERENCE COSTS, I.E. DOLLARS 5,000. THIS WAS THE AMOUNT ASSESSED BY STEERING COMMITTEE FOR EACH OF THE SIX NON COUNCIL OF EUROPE COUNTRIES (UNITED STATES, CANADA, JAPAN, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, AND FINLAND) THAT PARTICIPATED IN ORGANIZING THE CONFERENCE. PAYMENT WAS DUE IN JULY, 1987. THE CONFERENCE WAS HELD WITH U.S. CONGRESSIONAL PARTICIPATION IN SEPTEMBER 28-30, 1987. THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS CONTINUES AS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE PLANNING FOR FUTURE DEMOCRACY CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES. THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS REPRESENTED BY THE STRASBOURG CONSUL GENERAL AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE DIPLOMATIC CONTACT GROUP ALSO CHARGED WITH DEVELOPING CONFERENCE RELATED ACTIVITIES. THE UNITED STATES IS THE ONLY PARTICIPANT THAT HAS NOT YET PAID ITS SHARE.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: CHECK FOR PAYMENT TO COUNCIL OF EUROPE IN THE AMOUNT OF DOLLARS 5,000 FOR DEPOSIT IN COE SPECIAL ACCOUNT NO 72185/8 AT THE SOGENAL BANK, STRASBOURG, FRANCE. FINANCIAL AUTHORITIES ASK THAT CHECK BE PROVIDED IMMEDIATELY SO ACCOUNTING FOR CONFERENCE CAN BE COMPLETED.

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